

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

25th September, 2025

Proposition No. P.2025/110

Committee for Education, Sport & Culture

The Education (Governance Boards) Ordinance, 2025

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy P Montague

Seconded by: Deputy A Cameron

Immediately after ""The Education (Governance Boards) Ordinance, 2025"", insert ", subject to the amendments below" and at the end of the proposition, insert the following:

"Amendments:

1. In section 1 -

(a) in the section heading for "Constitution" substitute "Purpose and constitution", and

(b) after subsection (1), insert –

"(1A) The purpose of the governance board of a relevant educational establishment is to –

(a) contribute to and promote the ethos and strategic direction of the establishment,

(b) hold the headteacher and management to account in respect of safeguarding, educational standards, attendance, staff performance and professional development,

(c) hold the headteacher and management to account in respect of the use of financial and other resources by the establishment, and

(d) facilitate and promote the giving of effective and appropriate communication from parents, staff, learners and the community to the headteacher and management of the establishment."

(c) in subsection (2)(b) for "four" substitute "five",

(d) at the end of subsection (2)(d) insert "and", and at the end of subsection (2)(e) for ", and" substitute ".",

- (e) delete subsection (2)(f),
- (f) in subsection (3)(b) for "six" substitute "seven",
- (g) at the end of subsection (3)(d) insert "and", and at the end of subsection (3)(e) for ", and" substitute ".", and
- (h) delete subsection (3)(f)."

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by making clear in legislation the purpose of governance boards and by ensuring those boards are constituted appropriately.
- b) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- c) There are no financial implications if the proposal is successful.
- d) Drafting advice has not been sought from the States' Greffier and officers of the Committee have been consulted in connection with the amendment.

Explanatory note

This Amendment amends section 1 of the draft Education (Governance Boards) Ordinance, 2025 by the insertion of a subsection setting out the purpose of governance boards. It also deletes the provisions in the draft Ordinance that provided for governance boards to have an Education Office representative governor and (as a consequence) increases by one the maximum number of associate governors on a board, but does not increase the overall number of governors. This Amendment has been prepared following comments made by Members in debate on the Education (Amendment) Law, 2025 and subsequently.